BUREAU OF STATISTICS

SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLLS & HOURS

December 2006

1 Yukon Employees (based on employer payroll counts)

- The number of employees* in Dec., 2006 16,524
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- The difference was a decrease of 53
- As a percentage, the decrease was 0.3%

* Does not include self-employed workers

In December of 2006, the preliminary number of employees* in the Yukon totalled 16,524. There were 1,786 in Goods-producing Industries, an increase of 94 employees, or 5.6%, over the December 2005 figure of 1,692. In December of this year, there were 14,541 in Service-producing Industries, a decrease of 184 employees, or 1.2%, from the December 2005 figure of 14,725.

2 About the Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours

There are two perspectives on Yukon employment. One, based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS), provides the perspective from a sample of households reporting experience of employment and unemployment. The other, based on the Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours (SEPH), provides a perspective on the number of employees based on employer administrative payroll records. The LFS is generally well known and is the focus of a regular series of monthly publications by the Yukon Bureau of Statistics. SEPH is less well-known but has the advantage of being a monthly census of all in-scope businesses maintained by the Business Register Division of Statistics Canada and from a list of all businesses registered in Canada Customs and Revenue Agency's Business Number program with one or more active payroll deduction accounts. Public Institutions Division of Statistics Canada provides information for general government services at the territorial level. *However, those enterprises primarily involved in agriculture, fishing and trapping, private household services, religious organizations and military personnel of defense services are excluded.*[1] It should also be noted that **SEPH does NOT include self-employed workers** in any of its figures. In December 2006, the Labour Force Survey estimated 2,700 self-employed Yukoners.

Comparisons between the LFS estimates of employment and the SEPH report of the number of employees will reveal differences which are largely due to the exclusion of self-employed workers and employees having more than one job at a time. For example, it is entirely possible to have SEPH report 17,000 paid employees in a month which could be filled by 8,500 workers each working two jobs; or 15,000 working one job and 500 working two jobs and 333 working three jobs. Historically, the number of multiple job holders reported by the LFS has varied between 700 and 1,400 with an average of just over 1,000 from 1992 through 2005. What we do not know from the LFS is how many jobs multiple job holders held in a given month.

The most current month's figures released are always preliminary and are revised the following month. Caution should be used when using the most current month's figures as the revisions are sometimes significant.

[1] See http://www.statcan.ca/cgi-bin/imdb/p2SV.pl?Function=getSurvey&SDDS=2612&lang=en&db=IMDB&dbg=f&adm=8&dis=2#top for further information.

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3 Goods- and Service-Producing Industries

		Total Number of Employees*	Goods-Producing Industries	Construction	Service-Producing Industries	Trade	Transportation and Warehousing	Information and Cultural Industries
2006	**Dec (p)**	**16,524**	**1,786**	**795**	**14,541**	**2,129**	**947**	**437**
	Nov (r)	16,886	2,125	1,013	14,546	2,102	942	441
	Oct	17,404	2,355	1,119	14,836	2,047	975	441
	Sep	18,362	2,297	1,012	15,702	2,066	1,030	440
	Aug	18,515	2,327	1,020	15,798	1,999	1,066	455
	Jul	18,576	2,338	1,025	15,851	2,056	1,086	453
	Jun	18,657	2,241	1,041	16,111	2,085	1,017	534
	May	17,392	1,917	841	15,244	1,944	968	567
	Apr	16,162	1,612	703	14,350	1,772	937	546
	Mar	16,432	1,835	960	14,365	1,736	923	556
	Feb	16,130	1,682	917	14,205	1,938	896	541
	Jan	15,715	1,665	905	13,893	1,966	895	544
2005	Dec	16,577	1,692	885	14,725	2,245	893	x
	Nov	16,388	1,547	907	14,673	2,251	901	x
	Oct	17,114	1,801	1,043	15,135	2,192	945	x
	Sep	17,669	1,696	1,082	15,587	2,302	976	x
	Aug	17,834	1,943	1,078	15,673	2,339	1,003	x
	Jul	17,884	1,991	1,049	15,664	2,310	1,001	x
	Jun	18,206	1,886	1,024	16,105	2,404	987	x
	May	16,603	1,436	750	14,991	2,269	948	x
	Apr	15,471	1,132	534	14,172	2,158	925	x
	Mar	15,516	973	464	14,387	2,136	924	x
	Feb	15,297	894	443	14,268	2,190	878	x
	Jan	14,991	890	436	13,971	2,110	868	x
2004	Dec	15,589	1,097	563	14,343	2,211	870	556
	Nov	15,839	1,245	645	14,446	2,195	889	555
	Oct	16,475	1,561	840	14,766	2,275	970	525
	Sep	16,901	1,688	848	15,062	2,250	994	529
	Aug	16,782	1,787	877	14,845	2,292	974	564
	Jul	17,100	1,783	883	15,168	2,357	962	530
	Jun	17,486	1,628	791	15,734	2,371	1,073	520
	May	16,398	1,357	661	14,946	2,231	1,157	547
	Apr	15,014	1,019	481	13,911	2,155	1,119	544
	Mar	14,841	894	389	13,799	2,100	1,086	562
	Feb	14,599	801	382	13,656	2,068	1,064	576
	Jan	14,423	809	355	13,464	2,149	1,062	552
2003	Dec	14,980	907	478	13,994	2,361	1,033	546
2002	Dec	15,363	1,136	670	14,138	2,307	941	608
2001	Dec	15,158	1,064	686	14,023	1,962	876	567
2000	Dec	14,921	1,091	573	13,735	1,935	737	532
1999	Dec	14,337	1,607	890	12,660	1,874	700	519
1998	Dec	14,163	1,243	560	12,864	2,086	647	582
1997	Dec	13,365	1,869	1,003	11,347	1,829	533	486
1996	Dec	12,344	1,595	818	10,684	1,760	470	533
1995	Dec	10,803	1,192	599	9,572	1,728	453	402
1994	Dec	11,175	1,124	631	9,936	1,966	805	421
1993	Dec	11,396	1,078	511	10,318	1,957	960	416
1992	Dec	11,382	1,393	543	9,989	1,957	1,001	410
1991	Dec	10,799	1,095	469	9,705	1,664	1,372	434
Average Dec 1991 to 2006		**13,680**	**1,311**	**667**	**12,286**	**1,998**	**827**	**497**

*see note on page 4 for a list of what is included in 'Total'.

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM Table 281-0023

x = suppressed for confidentiality
(p) = preliminary
(r) = revised

- There were 16,524 employees in the Yukon in December of this year. The average number of employees in the Yukon for December 1991-2005 was 13,490; the December '06 total of 16,524 is an increase of 3,034, or 22.5% over the December average.
- The seasonal cycle in the Goods-producing sector sees more employees during the June through October time period than during the November through May months. The number of employees peaks in the July/August months, and 2006 numbers are consistent with historical fluctuations observed in this sector.

4 Service-Producing Industries, continued...

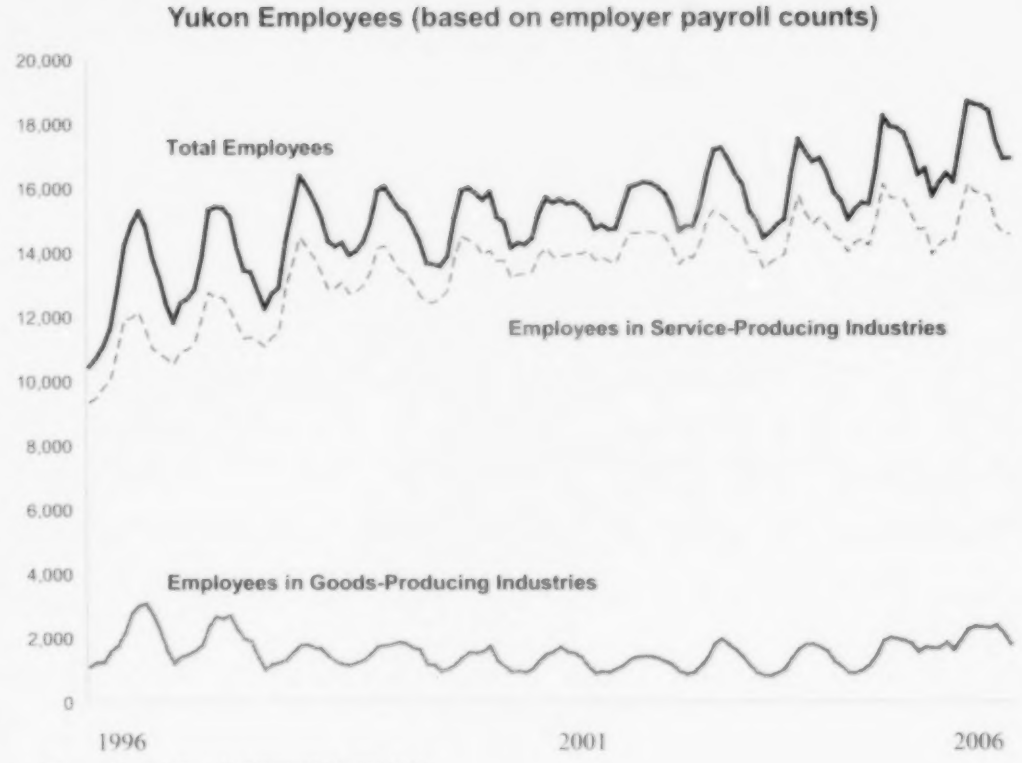
		Finance and Insurance	Administrative and Support, Waste Management and Remediation Services	Educational Services	Health Care and Social Assistance	Accommodation and Food Services	Public Administration*
2006	**Dec (p)**	**321**	**243**	**1,439**	**984**	**1,309**	**5,329**
	Nov (r)	333	261	1,433	930	1,322	5,283
	Oct	436	269	1,386	905	1,592	5,291
	Sep	433	318	1,249	891	2,219	5,439
	Aug	434	324	906	954	2,365	5,573
	Jul	370	308	891	971	2,385	5,581
	Jun	354	270	1,451	1,014	2,313	5,404
	May	321	285	1,465	1,014	1,772	5,375
	Apr	334	231	1,473	965	1,577	5,153
	Mar	311	221	1,541	979	1,540	5,179
	Feb	305	228	1,486	964	1,523	4,976
	Jan	321	211	1,397	962	1,435	4,773
2005	Dec	351	200	1,455	931	1,533	5,116
	Nov	339	206	1,462	922	1,577	4,983
	Oct	345	214	1,437	960	1,833	5,189
	Sep	355	232	1,261	961	2,058	5,351
	Aug	398	279	789	925	2,225	5,476
	Jul	441	290	781	929	2,275	5,433
	Jun	408	315	1,281	1,000	2,091	5,363
	May	371	249	1,315	957	1,599	5,208
	Apr	317	220	1,379	934	1,350	4,947
	Mar	342	224	1,441	942	1,351	5,044
	Feb	338	213	1,428	947	1,250	5,081
	Jan	320	220	1,326	928	1,164	5,179
2004	Dec	329	215	1,379	945	1,323	5,199
	Nov	392	213	1,378	931	1,396	5,114
	Oct	365	237	1,349	911	1,575	5,101
	Sep	348	236	1,233	913	1,694	5,295
	Aug	347	271	602	891	1,879	5,403
	Jul	343	300	602	950	2,053	5,415
	Jun	341	292	1,300	975	1,949	5,246
	May	351	231	1,318	973	1,653	5,018
	Apr	334	210	1,339	966	1,148	4,784
	Mar	321	201	1,362	990	1,054	4,784
	Feb	302	217	1,363	906	1,046	4,867
	Jan	306	214	1,258	970	997	4,708
2003	Dec	287	230	1,328	918	1,268	4,729
2002	Dec	307	194	1,385	928	1,358	4,785
2001	Dec	314	169	1,363	912	1,483	4,982
2000	Dec	309	176	1,465	912	1,292	4,788
1999	Dec	273	172	1,575	822	1,094	4,569
1998	Dec	251	161	1,635	774	1,254	4,438
1997	Dec	290	171	1,355	774	1,210	3,716
1996	Dec	289	146	1,217	972	1,049	3,316
1995	Dec	254	149	1,199	803	878	2,785
1994	Dec	229	174	1,237	773	924	2,649
1993	Dec	257	130	1,243	674	896	3,173
1992	Dec	242	153	1,252	703	803	2,835
1991	Dec	216	159	1,144	506	812	2,784
Average Dec 1991 to 2006		**282**	**178**	**1,354**	**828**	**1,155**	**4,075**

* *Public adminstration includes all levels of government (federal, territorial, municipal and First Nations). Public Administration does not include teachers, college instructors etc. or health care workers who are captured in the Educational Services and Health and Social Service industries respectively.*

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM Table 281-0023 *(p) = preliminary (r) = revised*

- The Service-producing sector is also influenced by seasonal fluctuations; there are more employees in the summer months, as would be expected with increased tourism traffic.
- From 1991 to 2005, on average for the month of December, the Public Adminstration sector has accounted for 29.6% of all Yukon employees. In December 2006, the number of employees in Public Administration (5,329) was consistent with this historical trend, accounting for 32.3% of all Yukon employees.

5 Yukon Employees, January 1996 to December 2006



Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM Table 281-0023

- The above graph highlights the cyclical nature of employment in the Yukon, with increased employees through the summer months and a decrease through the winter.
- The graph also highlights that gains in the number of employees over the last 10 years have mainly been in the Service-producing Industries.
- Notable as well is the anomaly of the number of Goods-producing sector employees in the first six months of 2006. The number of employees in this sector held relatively steady throughout the winter months of 2005/2006 without experiencing the winter contraction historically experienced in this sector. This year, the Goods-producing sector experienced typical summer growth.

Note: In addition to the industries listed, 'Total Number of Employees' includes unclassified industries as well as industries with suppressed individual numbers. Under Goods-Producing Industries, this includes: Forestry, Logging and Support; Mining and Oil and Gas Extraction; Utilities; and Manufacturing. Under Service-Producing Industries, this includes: Real Estate and Rental and Leasing; Professional, Scientific and Technical Services; Management of Companies and Enterprises; Arts, Entertainment and Recreation; and Other Services (except Public Administration).